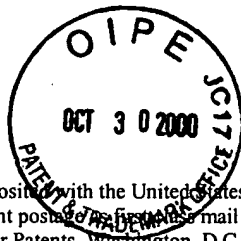


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In re application of:	Lamping et al.)	
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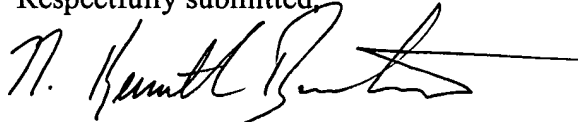
Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner for a three (3) month extension of time, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a), extending the deadline for responding to the outstanding office action in the above identified application to October 27, 2000. A response to the outstanding office action is submitted herewith.

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The fee for this requested extension of time is \$890.00. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee associated with this petition, \$890.00, to deposit account no. 50-0440. The Commissioner is also hereby authorized to charged any deficiencies in the fees due in connection with the filing of this petition to deposit account no. 50-0440. A duplicate copy of this paper is submitted herewith.

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